



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TITLE: SPINAL INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT, INTERCONNECTIONS
FOR SUCH IMPLANT AND PROCESSES FOR MAKING

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Sir:

This paper is a substitute for a prior amendment not entered in response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004 having a one month extended response due date set to expire on July 24, 2003.

In the Claims

Cancel claims 11, 15-17, 21, 24, 30-32, 34-59, 64 -138.

Amend claims 1, 60 and 62 per the attached. The claims appear on pages 7-15.

The remarks begin on page 2.